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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2005 April 7, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS – General

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being ‘*anticipated by Iihoshi et al (US 6,032,097)*’.

Applicant’s invention could not have been anticipated by the patent of Iihoshi for the following reasons:

Every element set forth in applicant’s claim(s) is not described, either expressly or inherently in the patent by Iihoshi et al. Specifically, applicant’s invention – as defined in claim 12 (c) – includes “a CPU controllable luminous display, mounted integrally with said host vehicle, ... positioned to be visible to the driver of a vehicle trailing said host vehicle...”. The patent of Iihoshi et al incorporates a luminous display, but it is a display (module 4) to be viewed by the driver of the host vehicle – not the